

MEDIA ADVISORY

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WHEN: Tuesday August 31, 2004, at 11:00 AM

WHERE: In front of the National Center for Primary Care, The Morehouse School of Medicine, 720 Westview Drive, Atlanta, GA.

WHAT: There will be a news conference to discuss the need for glaucoma screening and the initiatives of the Friends of the Congressional Glaucoma Caucus Foundation (FCGCF). Congressman Lewis and the Morehouse School of Medicine have invited the CGCF mobile screening unit to offer 5th District residents glaucoma screening tests. The screenings will occur on Monday August 30 and Tuesday August 31st from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The screenings are free and open to the public.

Glaucoma is one of the world's leading causes of blindness. Though it cannot be cured, if detected early, the advance of the disease can be arrested and blindness can be avoided. That is why regular glaucoma screening is critical.

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